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PARLEY IS OFF IN SEAMEN'S STRIKE

Benson Declares 15 P. C. Cut Must Stand; Men Refuse to Accept.

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PICKETS USE LAUNCHES

Marine Union Men Raid Breakers' Quarters—Clash Reported at Charleston.

Another failure to end the marine strike was recorded in Washington yesterday. Following an announcement from Chairman Benson of the Shipping Board that the 15 per cent wage reduction must stand, Secretary of Labor Davis, who has been trying to restore peace, discontinued his conference with the union leaders, and the latter returned to their home ports.

That Mr. Davis may formulate a new proposal to be offered the Shipping Board and the private operators was indicated in a despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD from Washington last night. It may include a detailed plan for paying bonuses for efficiency in operation, which has been suggested but not made specific heretofore.

The strike continues without any great amount of violence, but clashes in New York and Charleston, S. C., were reported yesterday. Fifty men, some of whom wore buttons of marine unions, rushed the loft of the Pioneer Industrial Service, 329 East Twenty-sixth street, and cleared out 200 strikebreakers who found there. Clarence Davidson, a negro, of 1389 Washington avenue, The Bronx, jumped out of a window twenty feet above the ground and was so badly hurt that he was taken to Bellevue Hospital. Nine strikebreakers from Savannah were attacked by strikers at the Union Station in Charleston. The police arrested two strikers.

Eighteen Sailings Since Strike.

Only two American steamships left the port of New York yesterday. They are the Hamilton of the Old Dominion line, with which the unions claim a settlement, and the Virginian of the United American lines, which came up from Norfolk, anchored in Gravesend Bay and proceeded to Alexandria, Egypt, with the company said, a full complement of officers and men signed at the new scale, including the 15 per cent cut.

The ocean branch of the engineers' union says that from May 1, when the strike began, to midnight of Sunday, only eighteen steamships of American registry have left New York. The Naval Communication Service has listed twenty-two departures in that time. The unions are the only group involved in the strike which offer any comprehensive figures at all. The Shipping Board has contented itself with saying that sixty-seven of its vessels sailed last week and that the movement is "nearly normal." The American Steamship Owners Association gives no figures.

In yesterday's meeting with Secretary of Labor Davis the joint committee of the engineers, acting also for the other marine unions, reported on the action of the engineers in their gatherings at various ports on Sunday. William S. Brown, president of the Marine Engineers Beneficial Association, said that the committee had "made the best proposition possible" to the Shipping Board and ship owners through Mr. Davis and that no further concessions would be made. The proposals were not made public, but it is known that refusal of the 15 per cent reduction in wages was one of them. Mr. Davis communicated with Admiral Benson and later said that as efforts had proved unavailing the conference was discontinued until there was a sign that resumption would be warranted.

Benson Offers Protection.

Chairman Benson said that whether or not an agreement was reached he intended to provide vessels of the Shipping Board with some system which would enable men showing efficiency to get the benefit of the resultant saving in the form of extra compensation. A bonus system has been suggested to both sides of the controversy by Secretary of Commerce Hoover. Admiral Benson sent this telegram to Capt. Irving L. Evans, director of the Shipping Board's recruiting service: "Board will protect in their positions men who come to Government's assistance by manning ships at present time, regardless of outcome of present controversy. No arrangement which requires the discharge of such men or any discrimination against them will be agreed to by the board."

Pickets of the deep sea local No. 80 of the Marine Engineers Union have canvassed the port of New York in launches, their officers said yesterday. Their report is that there are 500 American flag ships in port, of which 312, mostly Shipping Board craft, are idle or laid up, that 278 are technically in operation, and that of the "active" ships forty are under steam. The union says further that of the eighteen vessels leaving New York since May 1, ten sailed with full crews and eight with part crews. They say that the normal average daily number of sailings is fifteen, and that in the eight days of the strike period the total should have been 120.

Applications for berths aboard American seagoing ships are being received from licensed engineers describing themselves as Americans formerly in transport or conveyance in the war, according to Winthrop L. Marvin, vice-president and general manager of the American Seamen's Union. Benson's association of the union, said Mr. Marvin, "feel that they are absolved forever from all union obligations by what they regard as the un-American stand taken by that organization in the present emergency. These American engineers are particularly interested in the report that the striking unions, having failed to prevent the sailing of American overseas ships, are now endeavoring to arrange with labor unions in British and continental ports to deny dockage and discharge facilities to American ships when they arrive at their destination."

In the view of engineers who have remained loyal to the Shipping Board and American shipping companies this action by the union is a conspiracy of foreigners against America that will result in the final breakup of these organizations or the abandonment of them by those members who can honestly claim American citizenship. Admiral Benson and Capt. Evans of the Shipping Board recruiting service here said that the number of applications for employment on ships was constantly increasing.

COUNT GREPPI, 102, DIES AFTER VISIT TO THE RACES

Page of Honor to Napoleon's Austrian Wife, Began Diplomatic Career Under Metternich and Was Envoy to Many Courts, Leading Active Life to Last.

MILAN, Italy, May 9.—Count Giuseppe Greppi, Italy's centenarian statesman and the world's oldest diplomat, died late yesterday. It was announced today. The Count went to the races, as was his wont, but was taken ill on returning home and died soon afterward.

Count Greppi had long been one of the most picturesque characters among Italy's distinguished men. Born 102 years ago, he maintained his active life up to the very last. He carried himself like a soldier, and with his distinguished bearing, pure white mustache and immaculate attire was a notable figure wherever he appeared. It was characteristic of him that he never missed appearing for dinner in evening clothes, even when alone. He was noted for his partiality to social activities, and his death followed close upon his mingling with the gay Sunday crowds which attended yesterday's big racing meet.

He began his diplomatic career in Vienna under Metternich, and in 1840 was appointed diplomatic adviser to Marie Louise, ex-Empress of the French. He was Italian Ambassador to Paris during the regime of Napoleon III, and served successively in the Italian diplomatic service at London, Stockholm, Munich and Stuttgart, was Italian Minister at Constantinople and then Ambassador to Russia.

The last ambassadorial post held by Count Greppi was at Petrograd, where he represented King Humbert, and before that Victor Emmanuel II. He may be said to have begun his official career at the age of eleven, when in 1810 he became a page of honor to the Empress Marie Louise, the Austrian consort of Napoleon. When Sardinia sought to throw off the Austrian yoke which held Italy in subjection he fought at the age of thirty with King Charles Albert against the Austrians.

Later, when Napoleon III joined forces with Sardinia, he took part as a Colonel in the battle of Solferino under Victor Emmanuel II, the Sardinian King. Count Greppi was a man of more than fifty at the time of the Franco-Prussian war.

As dean of diplomatists he took part in the International Society of the History of Diplomacy, which was held in Paris just a month before the outbreak of war in 1914.

On his 100th birthday Count Greppi presented to his valet 100,000 francs, promising that if he lived to be 105 he would give the valet 500,000 francs, and lesser amounts if his term of life were shorter. He retained his gallantry to his latest years, and on one occasion, when almost 100 years old, offered a seat to a woman at a theatrical premiere and stood up himself throughout the entire performance.

ENGLAND RISKS RAIL STRIKE TO GET COAL

Government Will Employ Volunteer Labor in Transport.

LONDON, May 9.—An extremely serious situation has arisen from the ban of the Transport Workers Federation on the handling of foreign coal brought to England and the decision of the Railway Men's Union to refuse to haul coal. While the executive committee of the National Union of Railwaymen are not supporting the threat of the transport federation and the railwaymen, it is said the Government is determined to obtain coal desired for public utilities and will employ volunteer labor for this purpose, if necessary, which it is considered would be likely to cause a strike on the part of the railwaymen.

It is reported that the Government contemplates closing Hyde Park and preparing for transport facilities along the lines it had in view when a strike by the triple alliance was threatened.

TWO WEEKS' STRIKE ON CUBAN RAILWAYS ENDS

Compromise Arranged Pending New Agreements.

HAVANA, May 9.—The efforts of Government mediators to effect a settlement of the strike on the Cuban Railway Company's lines in the eastern part of the island have been rewarded by a compromise between the men and the company. A resumption of traffic began last night pending the formation of new agreements.

The first train to run in more than two weeks started for Santa Clara, Camaguey, Santiago and other important points in eastern Cuba, which have been isolated as a result of the strike. Dr. Alfredo Zayas, President-elect of Cuba, has announced his desire of initiating, as soon as he takes office, negotiations for the modification of the commercial treaty between Cuba and the United States.

U. S. MAY USE FORCE IN PANAMA DISPUTE

No Move Yet to Restore Land to Costa Rica.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.
New York Herald Bureau, Washington, D. C., May 9.
Reports received here indicate that the United States will be compelled to forcibly restore to Costa Rica the territory now occupied by the Government of Panama, in defiance of the arbitral award made by Chief Justice White of the United States.

In his last published note to Panama Secretary of State Hughes declared it was the purpose of this Government to take any necessary measures to bring about the fulfillment of the award with in "a reasonable time." The United States has not indicated what it will regard as "a reasonable time," but the note was sent on May 2.

United States naval vessels are on both sides of the area in question, awaiting direction from Washington to proceed with the execution of the arbitral decree.

TRADE BALANCE OF U. S. IS WORRYING CANADA

Minister of Finance Sees No Hope of Improvement.

OTTAWA, May 9.—Sir Henry Drayton, Minister of Finance, to-day told the House of Commons that Canada's unfavorable balance in trade with the United States was likely to continue. After stating that the balance last year was \$296,000,000 in favor of the United States, he said the Young bill, which had been favorably considered in Congress, called for imposition of duties which virtually would prohibit importation of Canadian agriculture commodities. These commodities amounted to nearly \$178,000,000 last year.

Sir Henry said Canada's trade showing last year was remarkable. Imports and domestic exports totalled \$2,429,000,000, a gain of \$125,000,000 over the previous year.

400 MUSICIANS CONVENE

ST. PAUL, May 9.—More than four hundred delegates are here to-day for the annual convention of the American Federation of Musicians. To-day's program included addresses of welcome by Mayor L. C. Hodgson and Joseph H. Barret, president of the St. Paul chapter of the federation, and a parade. The convention will close Friday.

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The Ford-Newberry election case, interest in which was stimulated by the appearance on the floor of the Senate to-day of Senator Newberry, may be disposed of by the Privileges and Elections Committee this week. The committee will probably meet after the emergency tariff is passed to decide whether to renew the hearings or decide that the Supreme Court in vacating the sentence of the lower court ended the matter.

Senator Newberry's appearance on the floor, after an absence of nearly a year and a half, was the signal for an informal reception to him, in which both Republican and Democratic Senators joined. He manifestly was pleased over the greetings, but did not remain long in the chamber.

As an aftermath of the Newberry case, Senator Johnson (Cal.), Republican, introduced to-day proposed constitutional amendments to give to Congress power to provide for "holding and regulating" primary elections for President, Vice-President, Senators and members of the House.

"The amendments are designed," Senator Johnson said, "first to give Congress power to pass laws with respect to nominations for Representatives in Congress and Senators so that the purity of primaries may be preserved and corrupt practices prohibited; and, second, to confer power on Congress to pass a Presidential preferential primary law."

"How far Congress could go in primary elections was in doubt until the recent decision of the Supreme Court. By a vote of five to four the court denied the right to legislate for primaries. The defect will be cured by one of the amendments I have introduced, and by the other our national Legislature may accord to the people the right to nominate as well as to elect candidates for President and Vice-President."

JONNART BACK AT VATICAN.

PARIS, May 9.—Charles Jonnart former Allied High Commissioner in Athens and former Extraordinary Ambassador to the Vatican, has been definitely selected by the French Government, according to the *Eclair* to-day, as France's Ambassador to the Vatican. The mission, says the newspaper, will be a temporary one for a period of six months, but subject to renewal.

Pope Benedict, the *Eclair* states, has chosen Mgr. Cerretti, Papal Under Secretary of State, as Nuncio in Paris, under the same conditions.

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